

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~In~~ a system comprising:
 a plurality of network servers and a communications network for use in
connecting said a plurality of network servers with ~~and~~ a plurality of user devices, said
system a network server further comprising:
 a memory store comprising a verification database, said verification database comprising
 information corresponding to each of a plurality of digitized content masters, for
 each digitized content master said the verification database comprising:
 table of contents information corresponding to the digitized content master;
 at least one songprint identifier derived from the digitized content master;
 at least one processor coupled to said store, said at least one processor configured
~~program code operative to cause the server to:~~
 receive table of contents information from a user device of the plurality of user
 devices;
 receive at least one songprint identifier derived from digitized content at the user
 device; and
 determine whether or not to provide ~~authorization~~ information authorizing play of
 the digitized content at to the user device, said determination being made
 using said verification database, the received table of contents information
 and the received at least one songprint identifier.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 1, wherein the table of contents
information comprises at least one length of digital content.

5. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 1, wherein said at least one processor is further configured ~~program code further comprises code operative to cause the server~~ to request at least one of a plurality of regions of digitized content from the user device.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 5, wherein the request for one or more regions of digitized content is generated as a function of a pseudo-random sequence.
8. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 7, wherein the pseudo-random sequence is a function of a network address of the user device.
9. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 7, wherein the pseudo-random sequence is a function of a time of day.
10. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 7, wherein the pseudo-random sequence is a function of both a network address of the user device and a time of day.
11. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 7, wherein said at least one processor configured to the request at least one of a plurality of ~~for~~ regions of digitized content is further configured to ~~comprised of a request for~~ at least one of a plurality of decoy regions of digitized content from the user device.
12. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 11, wherein the request for at least one of a plurality of decoy regions of digitized content is a function of a pseudo-random sequence.
13. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 12, wherein the pseudo-random sequence is a function of a network address of the user device.

14. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 12, wherein the pseudo-random sequence is comprising a function of a time of day.
15. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 12, wherein the pseudo-random sequence is comprising a function of both a network address of the user device and a time of day.
16. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 11, wherein the request for one or more than regions of digitized content is further comprised of only one non-decoy region of digitized content from the user device.
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 1, wherein said ~~the~~ verification database is further comprised of only one songprint identifier derived from the digitized content master.
19. (Currently Amended) The system server claim 1, wherein said at least one processor is ~~the program code further configured comprises code operative to cause the server to~~ verify whether the received table of contents information correlates with the table of contents information corresponding to any of the plurality of digitized content masters.
20. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 1, wherein said at least one processor ~~is the program code further configured comprises code operative to cause the server to~~ verify whether the received table of contents information correlates perfectly with the table of contents information corresponding to any of the plurality of digitized content masters.
21. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 1, wherein said at least one processor ~~is the program code further configured comprises code operative to cause the server to~~

verify whether the received songprint identifier correlates with the songprint identifier derived from any of the plurality of the digitized content masters.

22. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 1, wherein said at least one processor is the program code further configured ~~comprises code operative to cause the server to~~ verify whether the received songprint identifier correlates perfectly with the master songprint identifier derived from any of the plurality of digitized content masters.

23. (Currently Amended) A ~~In a system comprising a plurality of network servers and a communications network for use in connecting said a plurality of network servers with and a plurality of user devices, said system a network server~~ comprising:
a memory store comprising a verification database, said verification database comprising information corresponding to each of a plurality of digitized content masters, for each digitized content master said the verification database comprising:
table of contents information corresponding to the digitized content master;
at least one songprint identifier derived from the digitized content master; and
at least one processor coupled to said store, said at least one processor configured
~~program code operative to cause the server to:~~
receive table of contents information from a user device of the plurality of user devices;
receive at least one songprint identifier derived from digitized content at the user device; and
as a function of whether or not the received selections of table of contents information correlate with any of the table of contents information of ~~said the~~ verification database, request at least one of a plurality of regions of the digitized content from the user device.

24. (Currently Amended) The system network server of claim 23, wherein said at least one processor is the program code further configured ~~comprises code operative to cause the server to~~ verify whether the received table of contents information correlates perfectly with table of contents information corresponding to any of the digitized content masters.

25. (Currently Amended) A ~~In~~-a system comprising:
 a plurality of network servers and a communications network for use in
 connecting said a plurality of network servers with ~~and~~ a plurality of user devices, said
 system a network server further comprising:
 a memory store comprising a verification database, said verification database comprising
 information corresponding to each of a plurality of digitized content masters, for
 each digitized content master said the verification database comprising:
 table of contents information corresponding to the digitized content master;
 at least one songprint identifier corresponding to the digitized content master;
 at least one processor coupled to said store, said at least one processor configured
 ~~program code operative to cause the server to:~~
 receive table of contents information from a user device of the plurality of user
 devices;
 receive at least one songprint identifier derived from digitized content at the user
 device;
 as a function of whether or not the received songprint identifier correlates with
 any songprint identifier of said ~~the~~ verification database, request at least
 one region of the digitized content from the user device.
26. (Currently Amended) The system network server of claim 25, wherein said at least one
processor is the program code further configured ~~comprises code operative to cause the~~
~~network server~~ to verify whether the received songprint identifier correlates perfectly
with any of the songprint identifiers of said ~~the~~ verification database.
27. (Currently Amended) A ~~In~~-a system comprising:
 a plurality of network servers and a communications network for use in
 connecting said a plurality of network servers with ~~and~~ a plurality of user devices, a
 network server further comprising:

a memory store comprising a verification database, said verification database comprising information corresponding to each of a plurality of digitized content masters, for each digitized content master said the verification database comprising:
table of contents information corresponding to the digitized content master;
at least one songprint identifier corresponding to the digitized content master; and
at least one processor coupled to said store, said at least one processor configured
~~program code operative to cause the network server to:~~
receive table of contents information from a user device of the plurality of user devices;
receive at least one songprint identifier derived from digitized content at the user device; and
as a function of whether or not the received table of contents information and at least one songprint identifier correlate with any of the table of contents information and songprint identifiers of said the verification database, request at least one of a plurality of regions of the digitized content from the user device.

28. (Currently Amended) The system network server of claim 27, wherein said at least one processor is the program code further configured ~~comprises code operative to cause the network server~~ to verify whether the received table of contents information correlate perfectly with any of the table of contents information of said the verification database and the received at least one songprint identifier correlates perfectly with any of the songprint identifiers of said the verification database.
29. (Currently Amended) In a system comprising a communications network, at least one of a plurality of network servers comprised of a verification database comprising information corresponding to each of a plurality of digitized content masters, for each digitized content master said the verification database comprising table of contents information corresponding to digitized content master and at least one songprint identifier derived from the digitized content master, and at least one of a plurality of user devices, the method of identifying digitized content stored on a medium comprising the steps:

the network server receiving table of contents information from a user device of the plurality of user devices;
the network server receiving at least one songprint identifier derived from digitized content at the user device; and
the network server determining whether or not to provide ~~authorization~~ information authorizing play of the digitized content, said determining being made using said verification database, the received table of contents information and the received at least one of songprint identifier. s;

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, further including the step of verifying whether one of the received selections of table of contents information correlates with any of the table of content identifiers of said ~~the~~ verification database.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, further including the step of verifying whether the received table of contents information correlates perfectly with any of the table of contents information of said ~~the~~ verification database.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, further including the step of verifying whether the received at least one songprint identifier correlates with any of the songprint identifiers of said ~~the~~ verification database.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, further including the step of verifying whether the received at least one songprint identifier correlates perfectly with any of the songprint identifiers of said ~~the~~ verification database.

36. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 1, wherein at least one of said plurality of network servers ~~the server~~ is coupled to a reader configured to read the digitized

content master stored on a medium and the table of contents information corresponding to the digitized content master comprises at least one master table of contents identifier, said at least one processor is the program-code further configured comprises code operative to cause the server to generate the table of contents identifier corresponding to a digitized content master stored on the medium, said at least one processor is further configured the program-code operative to cause the server to:
read table of contents data from the medium;
compute a cryptographic hash value of the concatenation of the lengths of a plurality of tracks on the medium; and
truncate the cryptographic hash value.

37 to 54. (Cancelled)

55. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 1, wherein each received songprint identifier is derived from a digitized content copy.
56. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 55, wherein the received table of contents information and at least one songprint identifier corresponds ~~corresponding to~~ the digitized content copy, and wherein said at least one processor is the program-code further configured comprises code operative to cause the server to use the received table of contents information and at least one songprint identifier to identify a correlation between a digitized content master having corresponding information stored in said the verification database and the digitized content copy.
57. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 56, wherein said at least one processor is the program-code further configured comprises code operative to cause the server to verify the digitized content copy using information stored in said the verification database corresponding to the correlated digitized content master.
58. (Currently Amended) The system server of claim 56, wherein said at least one processor is the program-code further configured comprises code operative to cause the server to

request at least one content portion of the digitized content copy using the identified correlation between one of the digitized content masters and the digitized content copy.